

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 548
By Crider

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Carol Blair and the staff of Milan Physical Therapy for their meritorious service to the citizens of Tennessee and for winning the 2004 Steve Marsh Pinnacle Award.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens and dedicated professionals who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Carol Blair, founder of Milan Physical Therapy, who with her staff of eighteen, was the recipient of the 2004 Steve Marsh Pinnacle Award recognizing the top small business in Milan; and

WHEREAS, Carol Denney Blair graduated from Milan High School in 1971, where she was an outstanding basketball player; she graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1975 and the University of Tennessee Center for Health Sciences with a degree in Physical Therapy in 1976; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Blair holds many advanced certifications and is one of only 82 therapists in the United States who is certified in orthopedic and sports physical therapy; award presenter Collins Bonds said during the presentation, "Carol has always been a leader in her field and with our local school system established one of the first sports medicine programs in the area to provide on-the-field coverage."; and

WHEREAS, Carol Blair founded the Milan Physical Therapy Center in 1984 in a 500 square foot building with one and one-half employees; in 2001 the business moved into a 6,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility with an indoor aquatic therapy pool, with its staff of eighteen, including physical therapists, an occupational therapist, licensed physical therapist assistants,

an athletic trainer, emergency medical technician, personal trainers, strength and conditioning specialists, a registered nurse case manager and a professional business staff; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work with Milan Physical Therapy, Carol Blair, along with her staff, is deeply involved in civic, community and professional activities, including her membership on the Board of Directors of the Milan Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Directors of the Milan YMCA, and the Board of Directors of the Tennessee Physical Therapy Association, which she also serves as Secretary; and

WHEREAS, other worthy organizations supported by Ms. Blair and her staff include the American Red Cross, the American Heart Association, Woodmen of the World, Gibson County Fire Department, Gibson County Emergency Management Agency, Humboldt Area Rescue Squad, Board membership in the International Weight Lifting Association, West Tennessee Case Managers Association, and staff members' various churches and youth activities; and

WHEREAS, Carol Blair and her staff epitomize the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of true Tennesseans; Mr. Bonds said of the business, "For more than twenty years Milan Physical Therapy has provided our community with outstanding therapy services. Milan native Carol Blair saw a need and filled that need. The employees of Milan Physical Therapy are a team of outstanding individuals who display the highest competency in their chosen profession."; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Ms. Blair and the staff of Milan Physical Therapy for their dedication to the good people of Milan and Gibson County and to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Carol Blair and the staff of Milan Physical Therapy for their meritorious service to the State of Tennessee and extend to them our best wishes for every future success, as we pay tribute to their receipt of the 2004 Steve Marsh Pinnacle Award from the Milan Chamber of Commerce.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.